

LAY MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Kieran Kirk
Sunday 9.30 am Mark McMenamin
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Deirdre Bowe/Anne Mallon

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Eamon McGuk
Sunday 9.30 am. Damien McElduff/Pat Wilson
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Niall Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Bronagh Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Catherine Uí Dhoibhlin

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Anne Loughran/Mary Mulgrew/Patricia Mulgrew
St Joseph's Church: Leanne Devlin/Dympna Lagan/Rosemary McAleer

Anyone who cannot fulfil their ministry should contact Fr Hughes.

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit the Latest News section of our Parish Website (www.kildressparish.co.uk) for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you including:

- Trocaire Christmas Appeal 2026
- Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy – We're Back!
- Abide Women's Conference 20 – 22 November 2026, Bundoran

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: 028 25650000 and 08457909090 (Freephone 116123 from any phone)

RELATE (Marriage counselling): 08702426091

CRUISE (Bereavement support): 08444779400 COOKSTOWN COMMUNITY CANCER CARE: 028 867 66111

AWARE (Help defeat depression): 0845 1202961 ACCORD (Pre-Marriage Courses): 028 38334781

PIPS PROJECT (Suicide awareness): 07876552046 and 07789797483

LIFELINE (For those in despair): 0808 808 8000 ST VINCENT DE PAUL: 028 867 69400

LILAC CANCER SUPPORT: 028 8774 6600 / 028 867 66866 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

NEXT BULLETIN

Next bulletin will be on the weekend of **17th/18th October**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 14th October 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



11th October 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,
Some of us may recall a familiar examination format: “Compare and contrast.” Today’s readings invite us to do just that with their two banquets, each of which speaks of food and guests:

*Isaiah: a banquet of rich and juicy food, a banquet of fine strained wines;
Matthew: a banquet of oxen and fattened cattle just slaughtered.*

*Isaiah: a banquet for all people;
Matthew: a feast for those invited.*

Life brings us many invitations – to weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and all sorts of occasions in between. Some are formal and are offered out of duty; others come from close friends who truly value our company and sincerely want us to share in the celebration. God, too, invites us into a relationship with him, and that invitation is pure gift.

Through our baptism, we are called each day to live in a distinctive way. Just as the wedding guest was expected to be properly dressed, so we are called to stand out in how we live and act, clothing ourselves in truth and kindness, forgiveness and compassion, justice and integrity. Yet, it can often happen that we are caught up in our work and weighed down by worries and anxieties, that we can easily miss the invitation or forget that we are meant to live differently.

Living the Gospel is always a challenge, and we need the Lord’s help if we are to succeed. St Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that: *“There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.”*

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Paddy Hughes,
Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,
Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
Tel: 028 867 51206
Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,880

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR OTHER PRIESTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

Monsignor Curry (Lissan) 028 867 63674 email: columcurry@yahoo.com
Fr Boyle (Cookstown): 028 867 63370 Fr McNally (Cookstown): 028 867 63490
Fr Francis Coll (Coagh): 028 867 37212 Fr Moore (Pomeroy) 028 877 57867

WEEKDAY MASSES (12th - 16th October 2026)

(The Rosary will be said 15 minutes before the start of each weekday Mass.)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

IMPORTANT DATES

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the boys and girls of our Primary 7 classes on **Tuesday 13th April 2027** by Archbishop Eamon Martin in St Mary's Church at 5.00 pm

First Communion will be celebrated on:

Saturday 15th May 2027 for the girls and boys of Primary 4 of St Mary's P S School in St Mary's Church at 11.00 am

Saturday 22nd May 2027 for the girls and boys of Primary 4 of St Joseph's P S School in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 am

PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Sick and Housebound will be attended this week as follows:

Tuesday 13th Oct: Dunamore area **Wednesday 14th Oct: Killeenan area**

If there are any sick and housebound not already on the list who would like to receive the Sacraments please contact Fr Hughes.

TIME TO VOLUNTEER – JOIN ST VINCENT DE PAUL TODAY

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched a volunteer recruitment campaign inviting more people to become part of the SVP family in their local communities across the North Region. For more details contact SVP on 028 9035 1561 or email info@svpni.co.uk.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY COALISLAND

Months Mind Mass for Fr Mark O'Hagan Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland Sunday
18th October 2026 at 9.30am

LOURDES FUNDRAISING CONCERT

St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh.....**16th October 2026** at 7.30pm. Featuring choirs from Coalisland, Clonmore and Moy. MC for the evening will be Malachi Cush. Tickets cost £20..... Contact your local Lourdes Committee.

ANAM CARA BEREAVEMENT ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening will centre around the fundamentals of parental grief and 'what helps.' This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on **Thursday 15th October at 7pm**. Bereaved parents are very welcome to register

here: <https://bit.ly/OctBIE> We are joined by Breffni McGuinness.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY LECTURE

What is university actually for?

Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy is delighted to welcome Dr Paul Shrimpton, writer, historian, and scholar of St John Henry Newman, for a public lecture exploring Newman's vision of human flourishing at university — and what it might still have to say to universities and society today. **Monday 12th October, 7.00pm**

Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 30–38 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast
Students, staff, alumni and friends are warmly welcome. Admission free.

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD Fuel Stamp Scheme

At the Credit Union you can pick up a free stamp card and purchase £5 stamps. Call into the Credit Union office today and get involved in this helpful scheme.

Available to non-credit union members also

ST MARY'S HALL, DUNAMORE

WHIST

St Mary's Hall Dunamore. **Friday 16th October.** 8pm start. Newcomers welcome

IRISH MASS ST MALACHY'S CHURCH ARMAGH

Aifreann Gaeilge: Thosaigh Aifreann na Gaeilge arís an mhí seo caite i ndiaidh sos an tSamhraidh agus léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge eile ar an tríú Satharn den Mhí seo, 17ú Deireadh Fómhair, in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaoldhóg, Ard Mhacha, ar 4.00 i.n. Beidh fáilte ar ais roimh chách. Scaipigí an scéal.

Irish Mass: Last month Irish Mass resumed after the summer break, and the next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the third Saturday of this month, **17th October at 4.00 pm**. All welcome: Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish. Spread the word!